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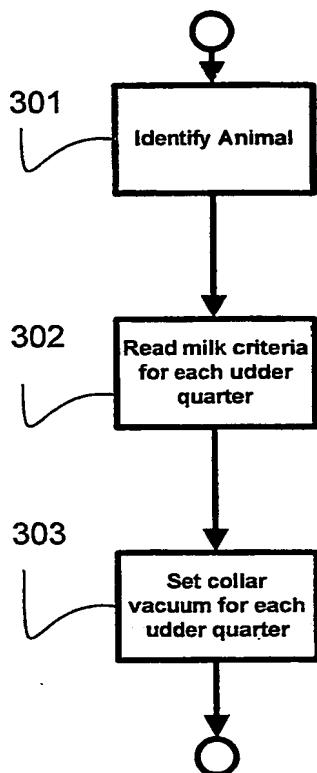
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a milking machine and a method for milking animal using a milking machine, wherein the milking machine comprises at least a first teat cup, the first teat cup is provided with a teat cup liner to be positioned around a teat of the milking animal, the teat cup liner comprises a lower end connected to a milking vacuum source for drawing milk from the milking animal, and a top end having a space and an orifice in which the teat is to be introduced, the teat cup liner further comprises an inlet to the space connected to a space vacuum source. The method is comprises the step of setting the vacuum level in the space so that the vacuum difference between the vacuum level in the lower end and the vacuum level in the space is related to a milking criteria for the particular udder quarter being milked.



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